

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Replace the third paragraph on p. 6 with the following paragraph:

At the open end of cavity 67 sufficient space is provided on said ~~cylindrical~~ surface ~~arbor~~ for seven elements 65s. When all seven are accommodated on limiter 61 (without lid 63) walls 72 and 71 form annular stops which cooperate with the lips 69, 70 at the other end of the limiter to confine the elements 65s in preparedness for their use in a puzzle to be made with the apparatus. General principles concerning the operation of the puzzle are described in U.S. patent 4,632,399 with reference especially to figures 8 - 12.

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Replace the last paragraph on p. 11 with the following paragraph:

With reference to fig. 5, member 119 extends beyond said abutting flanges 139, 111, longitudinally of the axis, to lodge frictionally in a recess defined by handle 99. When 99 and 119 are lodged together for normal puzzle operation they form an integrated whole assisted by the bonding force of friction to transmit torque from the user's hand. Torque is applied by the user between handle 99 and the housing formed at least by container 60 and, if it is present, by lid 63. Such torque may cause rotation of one element 65 relative to another if the two elements 65s are suitably positioned longitudinally of the axis relative to the pattern of projectional units in the core. Each unit holds a barrier pointing away from said axis so that an element 65 when positioned over the unit will be rotationally limited by the barrier. Such an element may be forced to rotate on the limiter if the unit underneath is rotationally engaged with member 119 rather than member 140.

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Replace the ABSTRACT with the following paragraph:

A puzzle game is disclosed in which a mechanical puzzle is contrived from a set of components, the game including a deconstruction of the puzzle's form. The ~~components make a puzzle in accordance with U.S. patent 4,632,399, dated December 1986. The new apparatus incorporates novel features which enhance the game and give the puzzle a unique mode of operation wherein~~ In randomizing and solving the puzzle, a handle and a housing are alternately rotated about and translated along an axis in relation to each other. Deconstruction of the puzzle's form involves removing a core sub-assembly containing the handle and other demountable components. This facilitates access to the housing.